संसद-सदस्यों से प्राप्त पत्रों का उत्तर

3052. श्री राम सिंह राठवा: क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) उन्हें गत छः महीनों के दौरान संसद-सदस्यों से कितने पत्र, अभ्यावेदन और ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुए है;

(ख) उनमें से कितने पत्रों की पन्द्रह दिनों के भीतर पावती भेजी गई और कितने मामलों में कोई अन्तिम उत्तर अभी तक नहीं भेजा गया है;

(ग) पन्द्रह दिनों के भीतर पावती और तीन महीनों के भीतर अन्तिम उत्तर न भेजने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) संसद-सदस्यों के पत्रों की पावती न भेजने, उत्तर देने में विलम्ब करने/उत्तर न दिये जाने के आधार पर और संसद-सदस्यों को गुमराह करने के आधार पर कितने अधिकारियों को दोषी पाया गया है और उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो): (क) और (ख) संसद सदस्यों से 33 पत्र/अभ्यावेदन/ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुये। इनमें से 31 की पावती 15 दिन के अन्दर भेज दी गई और 30 अन्तिम निपटान के लिये लम्बित हैं।

(ग) पत्र मूलतः दूसरे मंत्रालयों के नाम पर थे और उन्हें बाद में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय को हस्तान्तरित कर दिया गया था। अतः उल्लिखित समय में इनकी पावती नहीं भेजी गई और इनका उत्तर नहीं दिया गया।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Impact of liberalised policy on deep sea fishing

3053. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the impact of the liberalised foreign collaboration policies with respect to deep sea fishing on the Indian entrepreneurs in this sector; and

(b) what are the details of specific areas of deep sea fishing policies which have been liberalised since 1st January, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) As a result of liberalised foreign collaboration policies, keen interest has been evinced in the deep sea fishing sector and a number of proposals were received for Joint Ventures in deep sea fishing. 18 such propsosals from Indian entrepreneurs have been cleared by the Government till November, 1992.

(b) Since January, 1992, the following liberalisation of policies has been made in deep sea fishing sector;

(1) More than 40% foreign equity is allowed in Joint Venture Projects.

(2) Minimum value addition in case of 100% Export-oriented scheme has been reduced from 40% to 30%.

(3) Deep Sea Fishing vessels including leased vessels are permitted to report at two or three pre-determined base ports instead of a single base port, as was being allowed earlier.

(4) Fee of Rs. 2 lakhs per vessel for test fishing has been reduced to Rs. 1 lakhs per vessel.

(5) Second-hand deep sea fishing vessels, upto 15 years old are now allowed for acquisition instead of 7/8 year old vessels allowed earlier.

(6) Reconditioned vessels are treated as new vessels and such vessels upto 15 years old from the date of re-conditioning are also allowed for acquisition.

Sanctioned outlay for development of Food Processing Industries

3054. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total outlay sanctioned for the development of Food Processing Industries in he country during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) what achievements have so far been obtained in this regard;

(c) whether Government have

formulated a policy for the development of the Food Processing Industries in the country, taking in view of the changing food habits and the life-style of the people;

(d) whether Government have a plan to set up/develop food processing and Agro based industrties around Delhi keeping in view the need of the local market as well the scope for exports; and

(e) whether Government propose to standardise the manufacturing and pricing of the food products in the country, if so, by when such standardisation is likely to be effected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b): An outlay of Rs. 146 crores has been approved by the Planning Commission for development of food processing industries during the Eighth Five Year Plan for those food processing industries administered by MFPI. The annual plan oulay of Rs. 40 crores for the year 1992-93 is expected to be fully utilised as work relating to implementation of various schemes under the plan is gathering momentum.

(c) and (d): Under the new Industrial Policy which *covers the food processing* industries also, the entrepreneurs are allowed to make investment decisions on the basis of their own comercial judgement. The government has already declared a large segment of food processing industries as a priority sector and has done away with the requirement of industrial licensing in majority of the food products subject to certain locational criteria or reservation in small scale sector. Foreign technology tie up and foreign investment procedures have been liberalised, export-import policies have been modified and several fiscal incentives have been provided. Therefore, opportunities now exist for the entrepreneurs to invest and produce processed food to satisfy the changing demands of the consumers. Government does not set up food processing industries or agro based industries directly and the measures enumerated above and the demand generated in the local market and export are expected to catalyse requisite investment in the processed food industry around Delhi.

(e) There is so proposal before the government to standardise the price of food as competition and market forces are expected to determine *the price* of processed food in the market. As far as the food product standards are concerned various regulations such as Fruit Products Order 1955, Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, AGMARK Act, Meat and Meat Products Order, BSI Standards, etc. lay down quality standards for the food products.

Manufacturing units of Pepsi Foods

3055. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKAR DAVE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow Pepsi Foods to establish manufacturing units in India, if so, what is the number and the locations of such units approved;

(b) whether Pepsi Foods are successful in India; and

(c) what is the annual profit of Pepsi Foods in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

Statement

(a) to (c): As per the letter of intent/ foreign collaboration approval the company has already set up the following units:—

1. *Fruit & Vegetable Processing Village* Zahura, Block Tanda, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab.